

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 900
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Gladys Barlow Kelley of
Fayette County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Gladys Barlow Kelley; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Kelley was an exemplary public servant and consummate
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Milford Barlow and the late Elsie Conrad Barlow, Gladys
Kelley was born on September 15, 1941, and graduated from Ripley High School; and

WHEREAS, a homemaker, Mrs. Kelley also worked as a substitute teacher for the
Fayette County School System, an employee at Arlington Developmental Center, and a
salesperson at Maxine's Dress Shop in Somerville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelley was an active and devout member of the Warren Community
Church, which she served faithfully for many years as a member of the Hospitality Committee;
she also participated in her church's Bible Study Program and enjoyed Southern Gospel Music;
and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her family, Gladys Kelly always endeavored to remain
true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelley was most thankful for the love and companionship she shared
with her husband of over thirty-five years, Bill Kelley, Sheriff of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, Gladys Kelley is survived by her daughter,
Connie K. Doyle and husband Butch; her sons, Gerald Kelley and wife Nannette and Darell
Kelley and wife Peggy; her father, Milford Barlow; her sister, Ruth Pittman and husband Bobby;

and her adoring grandchildren, Amanda Kelley, Jessica Kelley, Devin Kelley, Bryce Doyle, and Kara Doyle; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelley epitomized the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Kelley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Gladys Barlow Kelley, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Kelley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.